

Group to lay groundwork for South American task

A task force of eight Mississippians will begin leaving Saturday for South America for a fact-finding and planning visit relating to Mississippi Baptist's partnership in missions venture with Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

Six of the eight will leave Saturday. They are Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Mrs. Kelly; Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union; Paul Harrell, director of the Brotherhood Department; Don McGregor, editor of the Baptist Record; and Jason Carlisle, furloughing missionary to Uruguay who will serve as United States coordinator for the project.

Two others will join the group on Tuesday. They are Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; and James F. Yates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Also joining the group on Tuesday will be Ben Bedford, field representative for eastern South America, who will be the coordinator for the three South American missions, and James Cecil, Foreign Mission Board staff member who will be involved in overall project design.

Traveling in South America with the group will be missionaries on the field who will coordinate efforts in their own missions. In Argentina the coordinator will be Bill Malone. Jimmy Spann will be the coordinator in Uruguay, and Ken Watkins is chairman of the Paraguay mission.

The group will be laying the groundwork for Mississippi Baptist involvement directly in missions work in the three countries. Needs will be surveyed and priorities established, Kelly indicated. "When we return we will be able to tell Mississippi Baptists what the areas are in which they can be of assistance in advancing the cause of Christ in those nations," he said. "There is no question but that many Mississippians can be profitably involved in sharing Christ in these areas. We feel that many fields of expertise will be needed. This will present a particular opportunity for laymen to use their skills in vocational efforts and at the same time present a personal witness of Christ."

Miss. Patterson will return to Jackson on March 20, and the remainder of the Mississippi group will return early on the morning of March 23. While they are traveling the members of the group will visit Asuncion, Paraguay; Montevideo, Uruguay; and Buenos Aires, Bahia Blanca, Rosario, Santa Fe, San Juan, Mendoza (Continued on page 3)

CLC seminar plans debate

Christian right versus congressman it helped beat

A free-wheeling confrontation between a former congressman and the director of a new religious right organization which worked for his defeat will highlight a Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission seminar on the use and abuse of power March 23-25 in Dallas, Tex.

Former eight-term Republican congressman and Southern Baptist minister John Buchanan will square off against Gary Jarmin, executive director of Christian Voice, in a discussion of appropriate citizenship for Christians.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the Christian Life Commission, said the confrontation between Buchanan and Jarmin is expected to focus on the basis differences between Christians who have long been involved in serving God through the political process and Christians who have recently come to

prominence supporting a narrow range of political, economic, and ideological special interests.

Other speakers will address power as it relates to race relations, women, individual human rights, war and peace, civil religion, the Bible and the pulpit.

Minette Drumwright, author and wife of the executive director for Arkansas Baptists will speak on Christian women and former United Nations

Ambassador Andrew Young will speak on race relations.

John Henry Faulk, McCarty era "blacklist" victim and a regular on the syndicated television program Hee-Haw, will speak on power and the First Amendment.

Robert Bellah, recognized as the foremost authority on civil religion will explore power and civil religion from a sociologist's perspective. Robert G. Bratcher, translator for the

American Bible Society's Good News for Modern Man, will speak on biblical authority for the church's prophetic role.

Each session will begin with a sermon by L. D. Johnson, chaplain at Furman University, Greenville, S.C. William L. Hendricks, professor of theology at Golden Gate Seminary, will deliver the keynote address.

Other speakers and their topics in (Continued on page 3)

WMU meeting will have youth slant

Marsha Herrod, Bob Dent, Jr., and the Mississippi College BSU Choir will give the younger slant to missions involvement at the WMU Convention at Parkway Church, Jackson, March 23-25.

Miss Herrod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Herrod of Eupora, is a member of the fifth Acteens National Advisory Panel. One of six chosen to the panel from a field of approximately 150, she will share on Tuesday afternoon what Acteens means to her life.

Bob Dent, Jr. will tell about his experiences as a journeyman school teacher in Liberia for two years. He is the son of Mrs. Pattie Dent, president of Mississippi WMU, and the late Robert Dent, Sr., of Holly Springs. He will speak Monday evening.

Under the direction of L. Graham Smith, associate pastor at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, the BSU will present a musical, "The Living Witnesses," written by Rich Cook and Allene Bledsoe. Members of the choir, which will be a part of the Tuesday evening session, are Laurie Bailey, Teresa Magee, Alicia Smith, Myrtle Griffith, Stephanie Hook, Daniel Hall, John Langworthy, Kevin Peacock, Ronnie Smith, Mike Heilman, Simeon Nix and Tommy Searcy. The lighting team is Steve Jordan and Gary May.

Convention sessions begin Monday evening at 6:45, Tuesday morning at 9:15, Tuesday afternoon at 1:15, Tuesday evening at 6:45, and Wednesday morning at 9:15. Mississippi WMU welcomes everyone who wishes to be a part of these missions experiences.

This work is people product

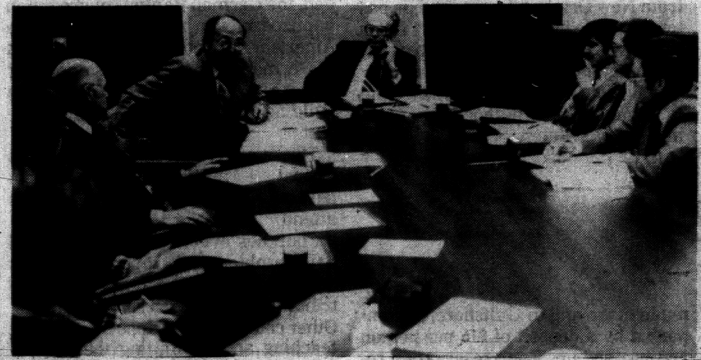
"Religious education must be understood as a product of people," said Phil Briggs to participants during the annual Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association.

The group met Feb. 19-21 at Biloxi with Briggs, professor of youth education at Southwestern Seminary as a program leader. The meeting was designed for inspiration and fellowship for Mississippi's religious education personnel, including teachers, and church staffers who work in all age ranges.

One specialty session for ministers of education brought up the subject of the sidelining of ministers of education. Charles Lowrey, director of church programs for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, reported comments from Lyle Schaller, a church growth expert.

Schaller, said Lowrey, said that when a church now considers a second staff member, they consider adding a minister of outreach and evangelism. "It was my impression that that's what I was," said Lowrey who has spent about 30 years in religious education. "Pastors and others no longer see us as outreach and evangelism," he said.

"We have become so enamored with the business end of the church program that, friend, it's eating your lunch," said Lowrey, who figures bus-



From left foreground are Dan Hall, director of the Church Music department; Marjean Patterson, director of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union; Don McGregor, editor of the Baptist Record; Ben Bedford, field representative for East South America (FMB); Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Jason Carlisle, coordinator of the Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina project; Ted Stanton, missionary to Argentina; and James Yates, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Professors to be among doctrine seminar leaders

Two seminary professors who will be among seminar leaders for Baptist Doctrine Study, 1981 are L. Russ Bush, III, of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and Billy E. Simmons of Southern Seminary, New Orleans, La.

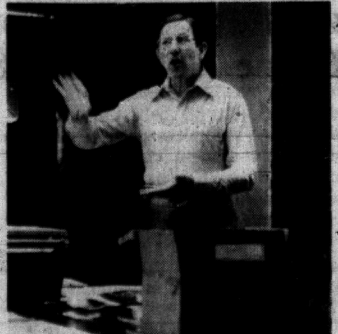


The purpose of the seminars will be to train pastors and others to teach the book, The Doctrine of the Church, in their own churches.

Ten preview seminars will be held around the state on March 23 and 24. All of them, on both days, will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 11:30 a.m.

Places of meeting and seminar leaders: March 23 — First Church, West Point, Gene Henderson, pastor of Fairview Church, Columbus, leader; First Church, Laurel, Russell Bush, leader; Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, James Hefflin, pastor of First, Greenville, leader; Jackson County Baptist Association office, Billy E. Simmons, leader; Copiah Baptist Association office, Jack Glaze, professor at Mississippi College, leader. March 24 — West Heights Church, Pontotoc, Gene Henderson, leader; Lauderdale Baptist Association office, Russell Bush, leader; Attala Baptist Association office, James Hefflin, leader; Handsboro Church, Gulfport, Billy E. Simmons, leader; Washington Baptist Association office, Jack Glaze, leader.

The book, The Doctrine of the



Charles Lowrey speaks on primary job of minister of education at Mississippi Religion Education Association meeting.

Church, seeks to accomplish two things, according to its author, W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, Tex. It seeks to magnify the unique Baptist persuasion that the church is always to be a believers' church, and to examine the various facets of church life and organization. The book explains the origin of the church, describes the nature of the church, examines the mission of the church, discusses the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and takes a look at the future of the church. (Continued on page 2)

Income reaches \$2,093,832

Mississippi Baptists' first budget ever to call for more than \$1 million per month was almost on target after two months of this year as the total reached \$2,093,832. The budget for the two-month period would be \$2,109,167, meaning a shortage of only \$15,335 for the period, according to Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"This is the second year in a row that missions gifts have been more than \$2 million for the first two months of the year," he said. "This is surely an encouraging sign for the year ahead."

The income for February was \$971,195, which was \$83,388 short of the pro rata share of the budget for a month. The January gifts, however, were \$1,122,637, which pushed the total above the \$2 million figure.

The annual budget is \$12,655,000, or \$1,054,583.30 per month.

The January missions income, though above that required for the budget, was \$98,659 below that of the same month of 1980, when a new record for missions giving was established temporarily. The February gifts were \$42,983 above those of the same month of a year ago. That leaves the total gifts for the first two months of 1981 at \$2,093,832, \$15,335 below those of a year ago.

The first two months income for 1980 was \$2,149,508.

"The experience of having missions gifts go past \$2 million for two months for the second year is thrilling," Kelly said. "We must remember, however, that 1981's budget calls for more than \$1 million for every month. If we are to meet our commitments for witnessing in our own state, across our nation, and around the world, this must continue to be our experience with even some additional income. Witnessing is not easy or cheap. We must meet the challenge."

Church leaks, floor has holes

Bogue Chitto Baptist Church is in bad shape. The roof leaks, the floor has holes in it, the closet-size classrooms have cardboard for walls.

Says Dolton Haggan, missionary to the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi, what the building really needs is to "jack it up, haul it away, and put down a new one."

Haggan, who has been missionary to the Choctaws for 15 years, explains that most of the 19 Choctaw churches which form the New Choctaw Baptist Association, cooperating with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, are in "rough shape."

The Bogue Chitto church, outside Philadelphia, Ga., is in a building erected in the 1930's. It began as a mission in "grandpa's house," according to Frank Henry, a layman and member of the church's building committee. Henry, who works as a public health advisor with the Choctaw Health Center, says the church has about \$2,000 in the building fund.

What he and Haggan and a group from his church are willing to do is visit other churches to talk about Choctaw history, and Choctaw Baptist history and about the needs in the area, and to sing and entertain. Their pastor is Homer Gibson, retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Those interested in hearing more about the Choctaw work may write Henry at Box 411, Philadelphia, Miss. 39350; or write Haggan at Box 922, Philadelphia, Miss. 39360.

Missions, March 1-8, each church family received a letter.

These letters urged members to pray for home missions and to contribute toward the \$17,250,000 national goal for the 1981 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

"We encouraged them to fill the bag with dimes, quarters, silver dollars — whatever the Lord leads them to give," Cannon says. The church will this week hold a special service where members bring their filled bags to the

altar and commit themselves to sharing Christ in their own community.

Other Baptist churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention have also found unique ways to increase an awareness of missions needs among their members. Take First Baptist Church of Americus, Ga., for instance.

Last year, during a week of prayer observance, pastor Roy DeBrand collected 400 patient identification bands from a local hospital. Each carried the (Continued on page 3)



Dolton Haggan and Frank Henry walk through the sagging church building. Henry points to a rotten place in the ceiling. Cardboard walls line the children's classroom.



This is the nursery at Bogue Chitto Baptist Church.

Rash of church-state bills introduced in new Congress

By Larry Chesser
WASHINGTON (BP) — Supporters of school prayer and tuition tax credits introduced an avalanche of legislation during the first weeks of the 97th Congress.

At least 17 bills dealing with school prayer and 20 related to tuition tax credits were introduced before the new Congress took its first recess in February. But chances for passage of such church-state legislation or other bills with moral implications remain uncertain, and in many cases doubtful.

School prayer proponents, as in the previous Congress, are pushing their goal along three tracks. They have introduced six bills to limit the jurisdiction of federal courts, including the Supreme Court, in school prayer cases. Five constitutional amendments on school prayer have been proposed along with five resolutions expressing the "sense of Congress" that periods of silence in public schools are permitted under the Constitution.

In addition to a number of proposals permitting tuition tax credits for parents of students attending private and parochial schools, several bills have been introduced which allow tax deductions for education saving accounts. The proposals would apply to tuition paid to private elementary and secondary schools, as well as colleges, though some are not directed at all

three categories.

President Reagan's spoken support for tuition tax credits increases the likelihood the House Ways and Means Committee will take action on the controversial issue, a committee spokesman told Baptist Press.

But the spokesman quickly noted tuition tax credits were not included in the first major tax package Reagan sent to Congress and predicted that chances for passage of the measure "may depend on how hard he pushes for it."

Two other proposed changes in tax laws which may affect U.S. churches and families are more likely to get

early consideration in the Ways and Means Committee.

One measure, which has been introduced in both houses, permits taxpayers to claim a deduction for contributions to charitable organizations while taking the standard deduction or using the short form in filing federal income tax returns.

The second, which also has growing support in both the House and Senate, includes proposals to either remove or reduce the so-called "marriage tax penalty" which taxes married couples with two incomes at a higher rate than two single persons with the same combined income.

Panola churches plan to begin Enid Lake Mission

Panola County Baptists are working together to establish a mission at Enid Lake, according to G. E. Jolley, director of missions' First Church, Batesville, has voted to sponsor the mission.

Land for the mission site is to be bought. Howard Armstrong, who has been called as pastor, is providing a 12 x 60 mobile home so that worship services may begin soon.

"The association has asked all 26 of its churches to help buy the land

(\$5,000), plus other beginning expenses, probably \$1,200 to \$1,500," Jolley said. "This is Bold Mission Thrust right here in our association."

"Responses from the churches have already started coming in," he added. "Some individuals have made donations. At this time we have in cash and pledges about \$3,800." Later the churches will also furnish teachers, as well as chairs and other items for the classrooms.

Indiana controversy

Board upholds censure; pledges press freedom

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — The censure and subsequent resignation of Indiana Baptist editor Gene Medaris was upheld by the Executive Board of the State Convention in Indiana during a three-hour discussion Feb. 23.

During the session, the board said the censure applies only to Medaris; does not prohibit any future editor from "freely fulfilling" his job description, and also does not give "censorship powers" to Executive Director R. V. Haygood.

The 31-member board — which functions as the convention between annual sessions — accepted a report from its five-member executive committee on its actions in the Jan. 23 censure of Medaris for "breach of loyalty to the executive director and executive board," and in accepting on Feb. 2 his resignation as editor of the 9,500-circulation weekly tabloid.

Board members in effect ratified the action by overwhelmingly voting down a resolution presented by J. R. Jones of Cornersville, which called for the executive board to "override" the censure resolution, publicly apologize to Medaris, and to establish a state convention study committee to assure "future editors of the state paper shall have reasonable journalistic freedom and editorial control."

Medaris, 51, was censured after he published a letter to the editor, questioning the use of money from Fund 58 to purchase a car and a television for E. Harmon Moore, who retired as executive director Dec. 31. Medaris withheld the name of the letter's author. Moore has since been named interim editor.

The resolution of censure termed the letters "controversial" and said they

"created disharmony." It instructed Medaris to "share controversial letters or issues" with Haygood "before printing."

According to David Simpson, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of New Whiteland and chairman of the board, the censure was issued because Medaris did not answer the question, and thus failed to provide a "supportive service of information, inspiration and encouragement."

Simpson added: "The primary issue involved was a repeated poor exercise of judgment on the part of the editor. This problem has existed for a far longer period than the last two months."

Haygood told Baptist Press: "The censure was a reprimand, a reprimand of only one editor at one time and was not intended to give the executive director censorship powers. It was an effort to implore the editor to work with his executive director."

Don Lauer, a medical doctor who is a member of Speedway Baptist Church, expressed dissatisfaction with the procedure of airing the issue, as well as the outcome.

"People left the meeting resolving to work together, but understanding there is still some disagreement about the matter," he said.

Lauer, author of the unsigned letter which initiated the controversy, defended Medaris: "None of us has any evidence of long-term poor judgment on Gene's part. I know of no one even mildly displeased with the paper. Gene has spoken well on current events and attacked issues in editorials. He is widely appreciated throughout the state."

Lauer's primary displeasure was

that the executive board "did not personally interview all parties involved, and do independent fact finding" in the controversy.

Jackson doctor, deacon dies

David J. VanLandingham, 67, a medical doctor, of 2348 Lake Circle Drive, Jackson, died Sunday, March 1, in Mississippi Baptist Medical Center after a brief illness. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at First Baptist Church, Jackson.

He is survived by his wife, Leatrice A. VanLandingham; two sons, David J. VanLandingham Jr. of Pascagoula, Paul D. VanLandingham of Jackson; a daughter, Rebecca L. Waugh of Woodstock, Vt.; two brothers, Zach J. VanLandingham of Hilton Head, S.C., Jack J. VanLandingham of Jackson; a sister, Charlotte Triplett of Jackson; three grandchildren.

He was graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine and had practiced internal medicine in Jackson since 1949.

He was a deacon of First Baptist Church, Jackson, and was a past president of the Baptist Medical and Dental Fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also had served short-term missions in Gaza and Bangladesh.

He was a former president of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Heart Association and was a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Memorials can be made to the Mississippi Heart Association or to any medical mission.

Northwest exec's son found shot

DALLAS (BP) — David Alan Sims, 27, the son of Cecil Sims, executive director of the Northwest Baptist Convention, was found shot to death in his apartment Feb. 26.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner has ruled the death a suicide. Young Sims reportedly left a suicide note.

The elder Sims said his son suffered a severe emotional breakdown five years ago while attending the University of Washington, but the family thought he was making a satisfactory recovery.

The family has requested contributions be made in David Sims' name to the Northwest Center of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Portland, Ore.

No one can look down on you unless you are down there to be looked down on.

Doctrine study . . .

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Russell Bush, III, was born in Mississippi. At Southwestern Seminary, he is assistant professor of philosophy of religion. He earned a B.A. degree from Mississippi College and Ph.D. degree from Southwestern, and has done additional study at North Texas State University. He is co-author, with Tom Nettles, of the book, *Baptists and the Bible*.

Billy E. Simmons, born in Leesville, La., is associate professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Seminary. He received a B.A. degree from Mississippi College and Th.D. from New Orleans Seminary. His pastorates were in Mississippi and Texas. The two in Mississippi were at Washington Church, Greene County, and Bogue Chitto Church, Pike County. Simmons is the author of five books and many articles.

"European churches not exempt from problems"

By John Alexander

NOTE: John Alexander, director, department of stewardship and Cooperative Program promotion, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, spent four months in Europe during the fall of 1980, leading spiritual emphases in the churches of the European Baptist Convention. This article is the first of a series.

The European Baptist Convention is composed of 41 English language congregations located in ten countries of Europe. To understand the vast land area served by the EBC, draw a line from Ontario, Canada, to Miami, Florida, to Los Angeles, California. This triangle is the approximate size of the territory served by the European Baptist Convention.

The congregations range in size from 50 to several hundred. Only seven of the 49 congregations own their church buildings. The rest rent space in commercial buildings, from a national congregation, or a very few churches meet in chapel facilities on military reservations.

These churches are Southern Baptist congregations served by Southern Baptist pastors. They use Southern Baptist literature and give to the major mission offerings as well as through the Cooperative Program of the EBC. Several of the congregations have worked with local German Baptist churches in designing buildings that will accommodate both congregations simultaneously, and both congregations contribute to paying for the facilities as well as the cost of utilities. Each congregation has its own pastor. The last Sunday we were in Wiesbaden, the German Baptist congregation baptized eleven new converts. Since Americans are not allowed to own land in Germany, as well as in some other European countries, dual use of a building solves the ownership problem.

The membership of the churches is almost all American military personnel and their families. A few nationals attend.

Churches everywhere in the world have problems. European churches are not exempt. Finances are a contributing problem for some churches. Other churches have done a good job of teaching and committing their members to give. A second problem relates to the turnover in membership. Most military people are assigned to Europe for a period of three years. When a military base has a major change in personnel, it can create real problems for the leadership in financing of the church. A third problem relates to trained leadership. Many of the military people have become Christians, or had a deepening of their spiritual lives while in Europe. They

have had little or no training or leadership experience in churches in the states. Therefore, they have a continuing need for training.

Pastors — some retired, some missionaries who have had visa problems, and others who go from the states to pastor, sign an agreement to stay a minimum of three years. Many stay longer. It is quite expensive to fly a pastor and his family to Europe, so the Convention feels they should be willing to spend at least three years in an EBC pastorate. When the three years is complete, the church has put aside funds to fly the pastor home if he desires to return to the States.

Very nice and fully-furnished houses or apartments are provided by most of the churches. All a pastor needs to take when he moves overseas is clothing, personal items and books. Most churches provide a liberal travel allowance to help the pastor purchase and operate an automobile. Pastors there do what a good pastor does here.

Since most military people are younger and away from parents and grandparents, the older pastors and their wives are looked on by the congregations as parents and grandparents. You will never be loved or appreciated more anywhere in the world than in a place of service in a European Baptist church.

The European Baptist Convention has offices in Wiesbaden, West Germany. With an annual budget of under \$200,000, they have one full-time employee and a part-time secretary. John W. Merritt of Hattiesburg is the executive secretary. Merritt was a missionary in Italy before becoming executive secretary. He is a progressive and wise leader as he assists the churches and convention in working through their problems. The EBC is fortunate to have his ability and great spirit available to them.

In an effort to provide technical assistance and training to the churches, the Convention has rented an apartment in Wiesbaden and set up a travel account to bring from the states people who have expertise in various areas of church life. My wife and I were privileged to be the first couple involved in this new venture.

We traveled in 15 countries, spoke 91 times in 23 congregations to over 4,000 people in a period of four months. We found the churches open and willing to learn and involve themselves in new ventures to strengthen their membership and ministry.

In almost every church we found one or more young men saying, "God has called me to preach, and I need help." Some of America's finest are serving in Europe and they work, pray, visit, and give to maintain a viable Southern Baptist witness in an area where multiplied thousands of Americans live every day on the very edge of eternity.

Gulfshore: get ready, get set . . .

The time is here for making plans — and reservations — for summer conferences at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

Procedures for making reservations are generally the same as in previous years. Participants make direct contact with Gulfshore for reservations (see below for reservations).

For any particular conference and contact the program leader for specific information about the conference itself.

This year senior adults get special treatment. This summer introduces a *Uniformed Services for Senior Adults*. Gulfshore manager Frank Simmons explained that for all senior adult retreats, there will be a single, all inclusive charge of \$78. This includes all meals and lodging. There are also youth conference package plans.

Reservation procedure is simple. All housing reservation requests must be made in writing to Gulfshore, accompanied by a deposit of \$15 per person age two and up. Each reservation request must include type of accommodations desired, whether it is for a family, individual, or a group; number of males, females, and couples; exact ages of children; the week or days of desired occupancy; church or name; and the correct amount of deposit.

Simmons notes in a brochure "Block reservations without names, or number of males and females, and/or the required amount of deposit, are unacceptable and will not receive confirmation. Reservation requests from out of state guests will not be accepted before March 1, 1981. No telephone reservations will be taken."

Mail requests to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571.

There are a number of types of accommodations and participation plans, from rooms for two people, up to rooms for eight, to sites for recreational vehicles. These plans vary from room and meals, to just the room, to just the meals. Gulfshore will send rates on request.

A special youth policy requires an adult (21 or older) of the same sex for each seven youths.

The total deposit will be refunded if cancellation is made 61 or more days prior to date of conference. Half is returned for 31-60 days notice; and none is returned for less than 31 days' notice. Cancellations must be received in writing at Gulfshore.

Graham crusade denied government stadium use

MEXICO CITY (BP) — Mexican government officials have done an about face and will not allow a government-owned stadium to be used for the Billy Graham Crusade March 1-8.

According to Mexican Baptist spokesmen, the government official who revoked permission for the use of 60,000-seat INDE Stadium was apologetic and cordial as he cited constitutional provisions for strong separation of church and state which prohibit use of public facilities for religious purposes.

Those regulations, however, were relaxed last year when Pope John Paul II visited Mexico; and, as a result,

crusade organizers sought and obtained permission to use the public stadium for the Graham crusade.

The Graham crusade was scheduled to coincide with a four-year program called PRUEBA, aimed at saturating the city with the gospel by 1982. The city's 46 Baptist churches will hold simultaneous revivals following the crusade.

"Push" will get a person everywhere — except through a door marked "pull."

The right angle to approach a difficult problem is the right angle.

Date	Conference	Program Director
MAY 18-22	I-Senior Adult Retreat (A program of Bible study, preaching, fellowship and conferences to meet the spiritual and development needs of senior adults)	Kermit King
22-24	Single Adult Retreat (Celebrate + Yesterday - Today and - Tomorrow For young and median singles — never married and formerly married)	J. Clark Hensley
25-29	II Senior Adult Retreat (See program description for May 18-22)	Kermit King
May 20-June 2	I-Youth Conference (Youth Weeks involve young people in activities such as Bible study, worship, missions, evangelism, fellowship and afternoon recreation)	Robin Nichols
June 2-6	II Youth Conference (Same as I-Youth Conference)	Robin Nichols
6-10	III Youth Conference (Same as I-Youth Conference)	Robin Nichols
11-15	IV-Youth Conference (Same as I-Youth Conference)	Robin Nichols
15-19	V-Youth Conference (Same as I-Youth Conference)	Robin Nichols
19-23	VI-Youth Conference (Same as I-Youth Conference)	Robin Nichols
23-27	VI-Youth Conference (Same as I-Youth Conference)	Robin Nichols
June 20-July 3	Family Enrichment Conference (Help For The Whole Family — A "family week" for all family members — all ages and groups. Conferences; worship; family day)	J. Clark Hensley
6-8	Pastor/Church Staff Conference (To provide fellowship, inspiration, training and skill development for all church staff and their families)	Leon Emery
6-8	Church Recreation Conference (A Bible centered program to equip pastors, staff members and volunteers with skills in administering a church recreation program in any church)	Robin Nichols
8-11	Youth Choral and Instrumental Retreat (Opportunities for youth in handbell ringing, wind instruments, choral singing, and spiritual growth)	Dan Hall
11-15	Young Musicians Conference (For children who have finished grades four, five and six by June 1, 81)	Dan Hall
15-18	Youth Choir Retreat (Opportunities for youth in individual choir rehearsals, combined choir singing, music classes, and spiritual growth. For youth choirs — by invitation. If interested contact the CMD)	Dan Hall
18-22	Youth Music Conference (Opportunities for youth in mass choral singing, music training classes, handbell ringing, and spiritual growth)	Dan Hall
23-25	Music Leadership Conference (For all persons with music leadership responsibility and their spouses)	Dan Hall
27-29	I Sunday School Leadership Conference (All leadership conferences will provide training and motivation for officers teachers, Bible study and ways to enlarge the Sunday School will be)	Bryant Cummings
30-August 1	II Sunday School Leadership Conference (Same as I-Sunday School Conference)	Bryant Cummings
AUGUST 3-5	III Sunday School Leadership Conference (Same as I-Sunday School Conference)	Bryant Cummings
6-8	IV Associational Sunday School Officers Conference (A training conference to teach the "Basic" Books to associational teams)	Bryant Cummings
8-12	Youth Disciple Conference (To provide personal preparation, witness training and spiritual development for Senior High youth who desire discipleship instruction)	Robin Nichols
12-15	Church Training Leadership Conference (Program to (1) equip church training leaders to lead effectively (2) equip associational officers to perform their responsibilities)	Norman Rodgers
12-15	Special Education Workshop (A conference for mentally retarded persons, their parents and leaders)	Evelyn George
17-21	III Senior Adult Retreat (See program description for May 18-22)	Kermit King

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Meets set on 'how to get people to come to Church Training'

Stanley Howell of the Sunday School Board's Church Training department along with department personnel from Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Alabama join special workers of the Mississippi Church Training department in a series of nineteen "How To Get People To Come To Church Training" conferences in South Mississippi, in March and April.

These conferences, primarily in the southern area of the state, will concentrate on proven growth methods along with updating those who attend on the latest developments in Church Training.

Interpretations will be made of MasterLife, DiscipleLife, Survival Kit for New Christians, the "church growth" content of 1981-82 Youth and Adult cur-

riculum materials, DiscipleYouth, and the 1982 projection for Baptist Doctrine Study, and other developments.

Primary emphasis will be on how to organize for effective enlistment and how to plan a promotional and publicity program to enroll more church members in the program of the church which seeks to fulfill the biblical admonition of "equipping God's people for Christian discipleship."

Scheduled for conferences on March 30 are Gulf Coast, George, Jones, Copiah, Covington-Jeff Davis, Pearl River, Pike, and Marion Associations.

On March 31, Jackson, Greene, Perry, Lincoln, Walthall, Lamar, Mississippi, and Lawrence Associations

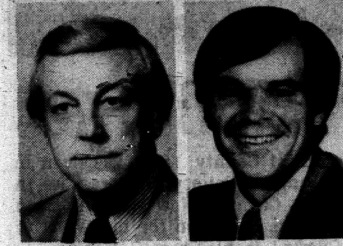
will meet.

Winston Association will conduct a growth conference on March 23, while Lebanon and Lauderdale are set for April 6.

Conference leaders include Bob Holley and Gerald Jackson of Arkansas; Ken Mooney of Louisiana; Don Mauldin of Tennessee; and John Sawyer of Tennessee; along with Howell of the Sunday School Board.

Special workers leading these conferences will be James Webster of Parkway Church, Jackson; David Lee of Commission Road Church, Long Beach; Norman Rodgers of the Mississippi Church Training department; and Bill Hardy of First Church, Columbus.

Gulfshore Senior Adult retreats to feature missions personnel



Myers Robertson

Michael D. Robertson, Lewis I. Myers, and J. Paul Vandercook, three persons directly involved in missions, will lead general conferences during two of three Senior Adult Retreats at Gulfshore this summer.

During the retreats scheduled May 18-22 and May 25-29, one general conference period each day is designed to present opportunities for personal involvement of senior adults in missions.

Mike Robertson, assistant director of the special mission ministries de-

partment of the Home Mission Board, will be the primary resource person for one week and Lewis Myers, director of program development, office of overseas operations, with the Foreign Mission Board, will be the primary resource person for the other.

Paul Vandercook, who has served on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in language ministries since 1975, will be resource person for one session each of the two weeks.

Paul Harrell, director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Brotherhood department, is the coordinator of this missions emphasis. He serves along with Ethel McKeith, Baptist Women's consultant of the state Woman's Missionary Union, and Kermit S. King, senior adult consultant and director of the Church Training department, as co-directors for both retreats.

In his assignment at the Home Mission Board, Robertson recruits, processes, selects and assigns volunteers for the Christian Service Corps.

Myers, a native of Mississippi, was a career mission appointee of the Foreign Mission Board, serving in Vietnam from 1960 until forced to evacuate in 1975.

Since his graduation from New Orleans Seminary in 1972, Vandercook has been involved in missions involving seamen, first with the New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service which was begun by his father and then in similar language mission work with seamen on the Gulf Coast.

A third Senior Adult Retreat is scheduled for August 17-21. Reservations for either of the three retreats are available by sending \$15 per person to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571.

This work is product of people

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ness administration duties of ministers of education can take up to 80 percent of their time. "The significant calling of the minister of education is going wanting."

In the area of growth, Lowery said a refocus is necessary in the Sunday School area specifically, toward outreach and growth projects. One new enrollee, he said, incidentally, will equal an additional \$342 in the offering plate.

He said a look at a church's history

Anyone can nominate SBC pages

The Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood department has been asked to send in the name of an older Royal Ambassador Pioneer as a nominee to serve as a Page for the Southern Baptist Convention in California June 8-11.

Twelve boys will be chosen from the names turned in from all the state conventions. It will be necessary for the boy or his church to supply \$100 to defray Page expense.

Guidelines following are minimum requirements: 1. Pages must be from grades 10-12 in school. The boy may have graduated in June from high school. 2. Pages must have earned at least two Service Aide Awards. 3. Boys may serve only one year as a Page. 4. A fee of \$100 must be paid for each boy with the Brotherhood Commission paying the balance.

Anyone who is qualified and interested should turn in his name, and indicate whether he or his church will be paying the \$100 in case he is chosen. Please send to: Russell Griffin, Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

1st, Jackson sets 'Singles Encounter'

Two phases of a "Singles Encounter" at First Baptist Church, Jackson, are set in March.

The first is a series of services at the church, Mar. 8-11, with Charlie Baker, pastor of University Heights Baptist Church, Stillwater, Okla., preaching during regular Sunday services and each night at 7 p.m. Baker is former associate pastor at First. Music will be led by Byron Cutrer of Gainesville, Ga. Child care will be available.

On March 9, there will be a singles luncheon at the church at noon.

The second phase of "Singles Encounter" will be a retreat at Roosevelt State Park, near Morton, beginning at 8 p.m., March 20, concluding at 10:30 a.m., March 22. Participants need to bring linens, and Bibles.

T. W. Hunt will be retreat leader. Cost is \$27 plus \$3 for transportation if needed. Deadline for registration is March 18.

For more information phone First Church, Jackson, at 948-8780.

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For REA 'get acquainted time' two participants, Evelyn Redd and Phillips McCarty, threaten the photographer. Miss Redd is secretary in the Convention Board's Sunday School department. McCarty is on the religion faculty at Mississippi College. The session leader had participants lock arms, back to back, and guess such as eye color and height of one another.



Phil Briggs and Rosemary Hoover bring devotional thought musically.

Group to lay groundwork for South American task

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In Argentina there are 26,000 Baptists in 300 churches with 270 national pastors. There are 83 missionaries, a theological seminary, 11 book stores, and a new communications building that is under construction. The National Mission Board has missionaries serving in many locations, and a new Bible institute has been started. Roman Catholicism is the official religion.

Paraguay has 3,100 Baptists in 30 churches with 27 national pastors. There are 37 missionaries. Roman Catholicism is the largest religious group, and Baptist work was begun by an Argentinian. There is a Baptist hospital and a nursing school that has students from Chile, Argentina, Ecuador, Peru, and Honduras. Baptists have a theological institute in Asuncion.

In Uruguay, Roman Catholicism is the major faith, but there are few that practice any religious faith at all. There are 2,229 Baptists in 38 churches with 36 national pastors. There are 32 missionaries, a four-year theological institute in Uruguay, and Montevideo has a Baptist communications center. Three-fourths of the population lives within 60 miles of Montevideo, but there are 60 cities with 5,000 or more people that have no Baptist work.

The Mississippians who are missionaries in the three countries are Mrs. Mark M. Alexander Jr. of Argentina, Ronald H. Ballard and Mr. and

Mrs. Jimmy Barrentine of Paraguay, and Paul Roaten and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Carlisle of Uruguay.

Bedford repeated an earlier statement that one of the hopes for the four-year endeavor is to help the churches of eastern South America break the "50-member" barrier. It will be first and foremost a spiritual contribution, he said, and will center on evangelism and church development. He added that this effort might give the stronger South American churches the idea of helping the weaker ones in their own countries or others.

The largest of the three nations is Argentina with 30 million population. In size Argentina is equal to the United States east of the Mississippi River. One-third of the population lives around Buenos Aires. The four provinces with the largest population are Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Santa Fe, and Entre Rios. The one with the largest number of evangelicals is Misiones. The Baptists in Argentina come mainly from the middle class, Bedford said.

Washington (EP) — Among the many changes being made at the White House by President Ronald Reagan is the elimination of a presidential assistant for religious liaison. According to a spokeswoman for Elizabeth Dole, assistant to the president for public liaison, White House Relations with the nation's religious communities will be reassigned to an office with a larger agenda.

Bringing home missions

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name of a missionary and the place where he or she is assigned. Members were asked to wear the bands for a month as reminders to pray for those missionaries.

DeBrand says, "It raised a lot of questions because friends would notice the band and say, 'I didn't know you'd been in the hospital.' So our members could say, 'I haven't, but let me tell you why I'm wearing this.'"

Many members also wrote to their "adopted" missionaries. They shared their replies with the congregation. Though the pastor says "we never mentioned the amount of our goal, just concentrated on prayer," the church gave more than they ever had before.

At Trinity Baptist Church in Valiant, Okla., last year, 120 members of this nearly three-year-old congregation focused on missions needs with the help of a United States map and their own imaginations.

Trinity's pastor, L. B. Flanigan, describes how the church went over its \$520 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal.

"We let members adopt a state," he says. "We took a map and cut all the states apart, and then we passed these out in the offering plates. Each state

Members were asked to study the missions needs of their states and to decorate them with symbols of industry, wildlife, and customs found there.

As families brought their offerings, they pasted their adopted states on a bank copy of the same map until the entire United States was in place.

In 1978, Trinity also observed the Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering with a map, but with a different twist.

For each \$25 given, a toy bus was moved 225 scale-miles across the United States.

"By the time we reached our \$350 goal, the bus was all the way to the Pacific," the pastor recalls. In addition, the church's weekly bulletin carried reports of how the Annie Armstrong Offering is allocated."

Why do pastors and other church leaders bother with all the time and effort it takes to publicize the offering and week of prayer?

Says Flanigan, "I've found that our people are more interested and give more sacrificially when we bring home missions home to them." (WMU/HMB)

(Patti Stephenson is a part-time staff writer for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.)

Tuition tax credit bill introduced in U.S. Senate

By Larry Cusack

WASHINGTON (BP) — A comprehensive tuition tax credit proposal which has tacit Reagan Administration support has been introduced in the U.S. Senate.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., and co-sponsored by Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N.Y., and Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del. Packwood is a Unitarian, Moynihan a Catholic, and Roth an Episcopalian.

Packwood said the Administration "has reserved the right to negotiate on the specifics to fit its economic goals."

Packwood's proposal calls for a credit against federal taxes owed for 50 percent of tuition payments up to a maximum of \$500. It covers tuition for private elementary and secondary schools, private and public colleges and vocational schools.

Specifically, the proposal would allow a credit of up to \$250 for full-time undergraduate, vocational, elemen-

tary and secondary students by August, 1982; a credit of up to \$500 for the same students by August, 1983; and an extension of the full credit to graduate students and half-time students at colleges and vocational students by August, 1984.

Baptists have traditionally opposed tuition tax credits, primarily because they see them as a violation of the church-state separation mandated by the Constitution's First Amendment.

Moynihan challenged the church-state separation argument used by opponents of the proposal, declaring that constitutionality of a proposal isn't settled "until the Supreme Court has ruled."

"Do it, and let the court decide," the New York senator said.

Clinic set for kindergarten-day care staff

An annual kindergarten-day care clinic will take place March 28 at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson.

The clinic, sponsored by the Church Administration —

General Ministries department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is planned by Jane Stone, the department's consultant

in early childhood education, also retired director of kindergarten at Broadmoor church.

Program personnel include Janet Kemp, director of the Preschool Education Center at New Orleans Seminary; plus Doris Rouse, Mary Ann Jacobs, Shirley Oglesby, Wilma Lowe, and Sarah Harrell.

Rouse is a kindergarten teacher in Nashville. Jacobs is kindergarten director at Northside Church, Clinton. Oglesby is preschool director at Parkway Church, Jackson. Lowe is former childhood development director at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson. And Harrell is kindergarten-day care director at Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson.

Sessions for curriculum planning by age groups and for special interests will be provided. Special interest topics include music, play and play-grounds, art and teacher-made teaching aids, creative discipline, moral and spiritual development, and "after school" and "mother's day out."

The Baptist Bookstore will have a sales office open at the church.

The clinic begins at 8 a.m., March 28 with registration concluding at 4 p.m.

Early registration is encouraged. Write Leon Emery, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Baptist schools play tourneys

By Marjean Patterson, Director Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

During the past week Mississippi College hosted state tournaments for all the women's basketball teams in Mississippi colleges and universities.

Entered in the small college tournaments were teams representing Blue Mountain College and William Carey College. Though I was unable to see the Blue Mountain team play, I understand that they played a strong game, finally losing by two points. I did see the Carey team play twice and was excited over their accomplishments.

On Saturday night Carey played Rust College for the championship among teams in the smaller colleges. The ladies from Carey played well and emerged as the championship team.

The large college championship game was between Mississippi College and Delta State. As a season-ticket holder to Lady Chocs games (and an avid fan), I'll have to admit a slight bias toward Mississippi College! Delta State beat Mississippi College by three points in a very exciting athletic event.

Of course there are Baptist girls on the teams of most of our state colleges and universities and I am glad for all their successes. At the same time, it seems to me that it is rather dramatic that two of our Baptist institutions will be represented in regional tournaments during the next few days.

The Carey ladies, coached by Bobby Halford, and the Lady Chocs, coached by Durward Smith, deserve our congratulations and support.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

March 8	Home Mission Day in Sunday School (SS)
March 9	GA/Mission Friends Workshop; FBC, Hattiesburg; 7-9 p.m. (WMU)
	9-10 Personal Growth Conference; Baptist Building, Jackson; 2 p.m., 9th-10th (CAPM)
March 10	GA/Mission Friends Workshop; FBC, Hattiesburg; 10 a.m.-12 Noon/Baptist Building, Jackson; 7-9 p.m. (WMU)
	State VBS Clinic; Broadmoor BC, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (SS)
March 11	GA/Mission Friends Workshop; Baptist Building, Jackson; 10 a.m.-12 Noon (WMU)
March 12	GA/Mission Friends Workshop; FBC, Batesville; 10 a.m.-12 Noon and 7-9 p.m. (WMU)
March 13	13-14 State Handbell Festival; Mississippi College, Clinton; 6 p.m., 13th-2:30 p.m., 14th (CM)

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Editorials

South Bronx

How great the need

Sunday is Home Mission Day in Sunday School, and perhaps New York City is as good an example of the need for home mission work as can be found. The metropolitan area of New York City, Long Island, northern New Jersey, the lower Hudson Valley, and southwestern Connecticut. In this area live 20 million people, seven million of whom have no church relationship.

New York City itself has a population of seven million, and one out of six are Spanish-speaking. Because of the headquarters of the United Nations there, one can hear 50 languages being spoken in the streets of the city by people from 150 nations. It has been noted that very likely at no time in history have so many nations been represented and so many languages spoken in one city.

Catholics are the largest religious group in the metropolitan area, and there are more Roman Catholics there than in Rome. There are as many Jews (three million) as there are in Israel.

Protestants are losing ground. All of the Protestant denominations combined have lost 300,000 members during the past 20 years. Baptists have

been in the area for 300 years, but there are few Baptist churches with large memberships.

Southern Baptists came into the area in 1957. Churches were organized in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and in the six states of New England. From that beginning an association was launched. The work has grown to the extent that there is an association for the metropolitan New York area with 152 congregations. The Metropolitan New York Baptist Association has 98 organized churches and 54 missions, chapels, and centers. Its congregations minister in 15 languages. The total membership is now 16,000 in the association.

The state convention was formed in 1989 and has a membership of 20,000.

There are Southern Baptist churches in all five of the boroughs of New York City. Also there are many churches in the suburban counties surrounding the city. Half of the congregations are either non-white or non-English speaking. The average membership is 100, but a few churches have more than 500 members. None has as many as 1,000.

All of this is an indication of great success, but the work has just begun.

The surface has not been scratched. There are seven million more who have no church relationship. They are to be found all the way from the homeless in the devastated areas of South Bronx to the millionaires who live in the Park Avenue penthouses.

The lost are lost in all categories, but the heart-wrenching sights are to be found in South Bronx. This is said to be the most devastated area in all the world. Surely this is to be believed.

On a visit to New York City recently the association made arrangements for a tour of the association work and a visit to South Bronx. This is an area of block after block of burned out and gutted apartment buildings where no one can live. The buildings were totally ruined by their inhabitants.

This is an area where three Presidents visited and promised relief, but little has been done. A sign painted on the side of one destroyed building said, "False promises... broken dreams."

But for what purpose should the buildings be restored? A restoration project is under way now, but it is slow and can provide homes only for needs of extreme emergency.

The restoration, however, will be wasted. The buildings that are being

rebuilt will be destroyed again.

"Leave them to their own misery," one might say. But no, that cannot be the answer. The reason the buildings are destroyed is that the people living in them have no spiritual values. A man who joined the tour to speak of the situation and who was involved in the restoration process said as much. He said the buildings will be rebuilt to be destroyed again unless there is a spiritual change in the lives of the residents.

That is where we come in. That is our job. "All the world" includes South Bronx. The job is tough. Very likely there is not a more difficult place to witness on the face of the earth.

The Home Mission Board is trying. The Metropolitan New York Baptist Association is trying. Both depend on our Home Mission gifts to help them do the job. The Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions is always critical. It is this year.

Without it the benighted people in South Bronx have absolutely no hope. There is no one else to tell them of the assurance that is to be found in Christ.

And how desperately they need this assurance.



Gladys Bryant

"Bob Douglas sent me flowers Jan. 15, my 30th anniversary in student work," Gladys Bryant said. "And to think he was the student who drove me nearest the point of quitting!" Her blue-green eyes sparkled with laughter. The sun shining on her light brown hair gave it a slight reddish tint.

She is now and has been BSU director 23½ years (two stints) at East Central Junior College, Decatur. For one period of 6½ years she was BSU director at Itawamba Junior College, Fulton. Bob was BSU president when she was at Itawamba. He and his wife live in Chattanooga, where he is a pastor.

In these 30 years of guiding students, Gladys has seen many make professions of faith — though she's kept no record of how many — and she has seen 30 young men surrender to the gospel ministry (all but two or three are still in the ministry.) David Kendall while at Itawamba was both saved and called to preach. Joe Cobb, BSU director at NEMJC, surrendered to preach while a student at Itawamba. Four of Gladys' students were appointed as foreign missionaries.

Her talent for counseling is probably an inheritance from her father, A. A. Bryant, who for 50 years was a pioneer preacher in south Mississippi. His last pastorate was at Shelton (Jones). He died 31 years ago.

Gladys recalls, "My earliest memory is of my dad building a fire in the morning while he quoted scripture aloud. I memorized a lot of chapters by listening to him." The first chapters she learned were Psalms 1 and 3. Fifth Sundays in his churches he declared scripture memorizing days; people stayed all day memorizing and quoting Bible passages. Some said that if they lost their Bibles Brother Bryant could be their "walking Bible," for he could quote whole chapters from almost any Bible book they named.

Gladys' mother, Ella, 92, has lived with her in Decatur for five years. Lots of BSU activities are scheduled at night, but Mrs. Bryant always stays up to hear the 10 o'clock news and to talk to Gladys when she gets home. On Saturdays the two go out to eat. "My mother loves pizza!"

The director whom the students call "Miss B." likes to embroider and to crochet, and she used to make all her clothes, but she says she doesn't have much time for these now.

She is afraid of water. Though she accepted Christ at nine, she waited a year to profess Him publicly, for she was scared to be baptized. Finally she confessed her fear to her mother, who assured her the Lord would take care of her through the baptismal service. So then she joined Providence Church,

Forrest County. (She was born in Covington County and grew up in Jones County.) Now she is mission support chairman for the WMU of Clarke-Venatch Church, Decatur.

During her childhood and teen years, her parents were often ill. As next to oldest of five, she was responsible for helping her four brothers get ready for school every day. Now the four and their nine children and six grandchildren are scattered — Norris in South Carolina, Ford in Hattiesburg, Ermon in Florida, and her "almost" twin, Bryan, in Texas.

As a girl she felt drawn toward being a foreign missionary. When her constant backaches made that appear impossible, she turned to consideration of home missions. Providence Church members gave her \$40; she arrived at Clarke College with that and one Sunday dress. "But I asked the Lord to provide, and He did." Sometimes people would send her small gifts in letters; other times anonymous givers paid her school fees. She worked when and where possible. At New Orleans Seminary she worked in the library; friends and relatives again helped. Just before final exam time, she still owed money to the seminary. The cashier sent for her and she thought she was to be told she could not graduate. Grinning, he handed her a receipt: "Your bill has been paid, but I can't tell you who paid it." She has never learned who.

The Home Board did not have funds to appoint her when she applied, so she accepted a job with the state Training Union department, when Auber Wilds was director. For three years she traveled over the state promoting Training Union. One experience she can't forget. It was the TU team were at Liberty. Her bedroom window being partly open, she awoke to find snow banked about the foot of her bed.

Claude Morgan, TU team member and later director of the state Church Music department, asked her if she had considered entering student work. Thus she talked to Charlie Horner, then director of state student work, and he asked her if she would go to East Central.

"I want to be a missionary," she inwardly protested. But as she prayed that Christmas, 1950, she heard the Lord say plainly, "This is your mission." In 1951, she still feels that she made the right decision.

A campus-publication, The Tom-Tom, recently printed a story about her. Several students were quoted. Scotty Goldman said, "She always has good advice to offer. No matter what the problem, she can relate to the student's view." Steve McKay said, "She is one of the finest Christians I know. She really means a lot to me and has helped me out many times." I think they speak for hundreds who went before them.

Guest opinion

God's man needs a friend

By Allen O. Webb

God's man in the pulpit is the person who is always there when sorrow invades a home. He is the counselor when trouble comes, and he joins the rejoicing when there is a birth or some other happy occasion. He is a friend in time of need. He is God's man, the pastor.

A recent article by Clifton Perkins indicated that within three months more than 30 pastors found it necessary to resign with no place to serve.

These men are faced with shattered dreams, the humiliation of so-called failure, a wounded spirit, frustration, fears for the future, and the departure of many so-called friends.

There is no way for us to adequately assess blame or to evaluate the merits or demerits of the situation. It would be impossible to know whether a man's ministry in a specific situation was a success or failure unless we could know the mind of God. So called failure could be great success in God's eyes.

We are able to know without question that God's man needs a friend. He has helped others, and now he needs help. He needs no sympathy nor pity. He can make a living if he is sound in mind and body. He needs someone to pat him on the back and pray and to stand beside him to prevent his feeling completely alone. This support can change despair into determination and dedication.

Jeff Ray of Southwestern Seminary said in his latter days, "A man can count all his real friends on the fingers of one hand." Undergirding words and tears of empathy may be transformed into priceless jewels of blessing for his future.

A friend to God's man is a friend indeed.

Allen O. Webb is director of missions for Jackson County Baptist Association.

Faith seeking understanding

What do we believe about atonement?

By Frank Staggs

The Term Atonement

How often does the word atonement appear in the New Testament? Have you checked? It may surprise one to find it in the King James Version (1611) of the New Testament only once. In Romans 5:11 it translates the Greek katalage, elsewhere rendered "reconciliation."

William Tyndale (1525) made the first translation of the Greek New Testament into English (Wycliff in 1380-82 had translated the Bible from Latin into English). Tyndale employed "atonement" in translating Romans 5:11 and was followed by the King James in 1611, "by whom we have now received the atonement."

Paul does not say that in Christ God receives appeasement, but in atonement, i.e. oneness or reconciliation. Atonement in English originally means "at-one-ment," a state of oneness. This usage can be traced from Chaucer (died 1400) through Shakespeare (died 1616). In this sense the word was introduced into the English Bible by Tyndale and followed by the King James. By the time of Alexander Pope (died 1744) "atonement" had taken on a new different usage, to make satisfaction or payment. This latter usage is not that of Tyndale or King James, and its distorts New Testament meaning.

Webster calls archaic and obsolete

the use of atonement in the sense of reconciliation. But it is the English language which has changed. The Bible has not changed. The meaning which "atonement" conveyed in 1611 is ancient, but it is not archaic and obsolete except to modern English. "Atonement" in the New Testament clearly designates God's action making "at-one" with himself and thus with others.

God's Work

The New Testament places the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ at the center of its message. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "We preach Christ crucified" (1:23) and "I judged to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (2:2). He wrote that without the resurrection, preaching would be empty (15:14) and faith futile (15:17). The gospels make the death and resurrection their climax.

In the death of Jesus, God is the reconciling agent: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself" (2 Cor. 5:19). Jesus came not to appease the Father; he came because God so loved the world (John 3:16). God "loved us and sent his son an expiation (not propitiation) for our sins" (1 John 4:10). The Son did not propitiate or appease the Father, as Calvin taught (Institutes, II, 16, 2). God expiates sin, i.e., overcomes and removes it. Christ Jesus was God coming not to "save face" but to save man. God was impelled by his own righteous love which could satisfy itself only in coming to man to deliver man from sin and self-destruction. The Crucifixion

of Jesus occurred as God's redeeming love went all the way in Christ's offering of himself to man and as man's depravity went all the way in seeking to destroy that which was offered. Redemption is in what Christ did and does for us, not in what man did and does to him.

Atonement in Romans 5:11 is something which man receives; through Christ we have "received the atonement." Thus God atones (reconciles) man. God is the agent and man the object.

Redemption

The death of Christ is redemptive. Jesus came "to give life a ransom (redemption) for many" (Mark 10:45). The root upon which the Greek words for "ransom" and "redemption" are built means "to loose." Christ came to break sin's hold upon man. It is through his blood that we are redeemed, i.e., loosed or liberated (cf. Eph. 1:7; 1 Peter 1:19; Rev. 5:9). In the Bible, blood stands for the life given. The Cross as the way of self-denial, self-sacrifice, or self-giving love and living way. It judges and overcomes man's sinful, false, and fatal way of self-trust, self-love, and self-assertion. Two ways met at Golgotha: God's way of self-giving love and man's self-centered way. Man's only hope of salvation is at the Cross or by the blood (life given) of Jesus Christ. It is only as man's way is judged, condemned, and overcome by Christ's way that man passes from death unto life. One must die with Christ to live with him. (Col. 2:20).

For Us and In Us
Christ died for us. He does more in

that as he awakens us to faith, he enters into us as a living, transforming Presence. There he "crucifies the old man" and creates the new man (cf. John 12:32; Romans 5:5; 2 Cor. 5:15; Gal. 2:30). To be "baptized into Christ" one must be "baptized into his death" (Rom. 6:3). Paul means that to be joined to Christ, to be "in Christ," one must die with him to live thus with him. Jesus taught that a grain of wheat must die to bear fruit (John 12:24). The one trying to save his life destroys it, and the one giving it up to God thereby finds it (12:25). This does not mean that no one plays the old self. Christ does that. Man's part is to yield in repentance and faith to Christ who alone can "crucify the old man." (Gal. 2:20)

Personal Rescue

Christ died and arose more than nineteen centuries ago. Millions are yet as lost in their sins as though he had not come. The Cross does not save automatically. Salvation does not result from believing theological formulations about a divine transaction. Salvation comes when the Savior comes to overcome the old way through the way of the Cross. Christ saves us. He does not do so by sending us out of the game of life to play it for us. That would save the game but not us. He leaves us in the game; and through the door of our faith (trust), he enters into us to achieve in us what we could not do for ourselves. He liberates, cleanses, heals, renews, and empowers us for a new way of life. This he does by enabling us to die to the old way and come alive to the new.

Letters To The Editor

Ministry at Ashland

Editor:

Ashland Baptist Church is still excited about the many things going on in the new era of the church.

Two special programs during the Christmas season. On Dec. 14 the Children's Choir and puppet ministry presented special music. Special guest was Mr. Robert "Steamboat" Fulton, who played Christmas carols on the "guitar-phone." On Dec. 21 the church choir presented the musical drama, "Home for Christmas." Special guests were Anne Brownlee and Carey Owens, students from the drama department at Blue Mountain College. We are grateful for the continued increase in enrollment of all the choirs in the music ministry.

The WMU under the leadership of President Lillie Jean Renick, set a goal of \$2,750 for the Lottie Moon Offering. The church goal was \$3,560. The

total came to \$4,100. Blondie Crawford, prayer support chairman had an attractive display proclaiming, "My World, My Life, My Witness."

Ed Sudduth has a ministry at Care Inn at Holly Springs and Rest Haven in Ripley. That reaches 40 people each week. The tape ministry reaches 35 people each week who are unable to attend services. The tape includes the entire Sunday worship services. There is a tract ministry to the jail.

In Children's Church Director Dean Hamilton and Assistant Director Martha Mitchell, using puppets, bring the messages from the Bible. They have been invited to hold a clinic at Blue Mountain College March 27.

The Media Center is continually adding new material.

Roy Hamilton is pastor, and Ed Sudduth is associate pastor and minister of music.

Emma Hudspeth
Ashland

Outstanding Bible Study

Temple Baptist Church of Jackson Association finished its January Bible Study the last Wednesday night in January. Dr. Zeb Brister taught the adult study book on Philippians with 60 people enrolled in the one study. This did not include the children who were also having their study at this time. The people thought this to be an outstanding week because the church has only 85 enrolled in Church Training.

Lee Hudson, Pastor
Temple Baptist Church
Pascagoula

Study progress at Paul

Editor:

A year and a half ago the faculty at Baptist Church (Tallahatchie County) was asked to sign a workers' covenant.

There were the usual things. They agreed to be faithful in their duties,

study their lessons, visit absentees and prospects, etc. The church wanted the teachers to know they had an important assignment — one that would demand their best. All probably failed to some degree, but 18 months later statistics show at least one outstanding fact.

One of the articles the faculty agreed upon was continuing education through the Church Study Course. Each teacher agreed to do his best to complete at least one study course in an area related to his teaching assignment during the year.

Today there are eight teachers in the Sunday School with 72 enrolled. Every teacher has earned a diploma in Christian Development from the Sunday School Board, representing five or more courses completed. Five of the faculty should complete a diploma in Bible Survey by May upon completion of last of six courses in the Bible Survey Series. Three have earned credit for 15 or more courses, and between

the eight teachers they have earned 101 awards for church study courses.

Since most of the teachers serve in other capacities in the church as well, courses were offered in several areas rather than being confined to the area of Sunday School leadership. Areas covered included Bible, Family Ministry, Deacon ministry, Christian Doctrine, Missions, and Age-Group Leadership.

The Sunday School at Paul Church is small, but capable leadership committed to giving their best to Christ are now more equipped to minister to the community.

Faculty members are Mrs. Corley Thompson, Mrs. Retus Cox, Mrs. Gilbert Simpson, Mrs. Perry J. Lane, Mrs. Joe Young, Mr. Leon Kennedy, and Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rutledge.

Norris Rutledge is director of the Sunday School.

Joe Young, Pastor
Paul Baptist Church
Scobey



Executive Secretaries' Officers

Joe Ingram, center, executive secretary treasurer of the Baptist General Convention, was elected president of the association of State Baptist Convention Executive Secretaries during their annual meeting in New York City. Robert O. Hughes left, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, was elected vice president and Robert Wilson, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, was elected secretary-treasurer.



Editors' Officers

Members of the Southern Baptist Press Association named their 1980-81 officers during their annual meeting in New York City. From left, they are Edgar Cooper, editor Florida BAPTIST WITNESS, president elect; Don McGregor, editor BAPTIST RECORD, president; and Bob Terry, editor Missouri Baptist WORD AND WAY, secretary-treasurer.

Washington (Adams) sets March Ministry Evangelism Weekend

Washington Church, Adams Association, has set aside March 13-15 for a Ministry Evangelism Weekend. Sidney Ellis of Greenville, a trained coordinator of lay renewal work, will direct the weekend activities. Ellis has been involved in over 50 such renewal events in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Wyoming.

Howard Taylor, pastor of Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula, will serve as the learning resource leader.

"Laymen from throughout Mississippi will be our guests for the weekend," states Robert E. Jones, pastor. "These people have come to have a deeper and more personal experience with Christ. They are excited about what they have discovered, they go to other churches at their own ex-

pense, just to share what is happening in their lives. They are deacons, Sunday School teachers, Church Training leaders, choir members, etc."

Washington Church had a Lay Renewal Weekend in March, 1980. The pastor said that it has revitalized the spirit of the church. Some tangible evidences of what the Lay Renewal Weekend did for the church follow: 25% increase in Sunday School attendance, 36% increase in Church Training attendance, 66% increase in prayer meeting attendance, 300% increase in outreach visitation, 52 additions to the church during the church year, most of whom came after the Lay Renewal Weekend, many family altars were either started or

strengthened, the 1980 church budget, after the weekend, began averaging \$200 per week over the budget needs, and the 1981 budget has been increased by 36%. Plans are currently under way for additional new buildings.

Jones stated, "The Ministry Evangelism Weekend creates a real hunger in the lives of church members to discover their spiritual gifts and to be on mission with Jesus. The concept of the ministry of the laity becomes real and the pastor becomes the equipper. Many for the very first time, will really hear Jesus say, 'Come, follow me,' as they read a renewal book, participate in a sharing group, join a lay renewal team, receive training in a lay evangelism school, or receive visions of exciting new ministries that touch the total needs of persons."

The pastor has been involved in every phase of the renewal weekend plans.

Ministry Evangelism Weekend is for the whole family and provisions are made for all ages. Pastors and lay persons from surrounding churches are invited.

Chicora will dedicate sanctuary

Chicora Church, Wayne County, will dedicate its remodeled sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, March 15, at 2 p.m. The congregation moved into the completely renovated auditorium on Sunday, Feb. 15.

Wilson W. Boggan and Grady D. Crowell will be guest speakers for the dedication service. Boggan is a former director of missions for Wayne County and Crowell is the present director of missions there. Hal Taylor is the Chicora pastor.

Wake Forest, N. C. (BP) — A \$500,000 pledge has been made to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary by a person who wishes to remain anonymous. The pledge was made toward the school's \$3.5 million capital and endowment funds campaign. The Southern Baptist Convention seminary is in a long range program to "recycle" its entire 146-year-old campus, formerly the home of Wake Forest College, and to expand its financial base. The campaign continues through 1981.

Mississippi Association

Oldest in state organized in 1806

By Foy Rogers, Director
Department of Cooperative Missions
Mississippi Baptist Convention

(NOTE: The Home Mission Board mission study series for 1981 deals primarily with associational missions. This article deals with one facet of associational missions.)

The Mississippi Baptist Association, the oldest association in the state, was organized in southeast Mississippi in 1806, and 20 years later the association became the sponsor of Mississippi College.

Within a 30-year period Baptists in Mississippi organized the church, association, and convention, and began evangelizing the state. During this period, the modern missionary movement was beginning in an associational meeting when William Carey preached his powerful sermon, "Attempt Great Things for God and Expect Great

Things for God" (Isaiah 54).

Twenty months after Carey's message, Andrew Fuller, Widow Wallace, and William Carey met in Widow Wallace's parlor where they organized a missionary society. Thus the modern missionary movement began. It has continued to involve associational messages at every turn of events.

Let us note the beginnings of our present day associational missions program. In 1836 T. L. Holcomb, a native Mississippian, became executive-secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, SBC. One of the first things he said after coming to the Baptist Sunday School Board was that he wanted to take everything that the Sunday School Board had to offer and make it available to the last church in the Southern Baptist Convention. He suggested that the district association be used to achieve this objective, and that the Vacation Bible School be used as a test of its effectiveness. His suggestion was enthusiastically accepted by the various departments in the Sunday School Board and by state conventions and their leaders. In 1935 a four-year program was launched, with J. N. Barnett leading the program. Goals for Vacation Bible School were set for the four years to increase the number of Vacation Bible Schools by 4,000 and an enrollment increase of 500,000. At the end of the four years Vacation Bible School had increased in number to 5,750 over the goal and enrollment had gone over the goal by 41,000.

A goal for Training Union was set to earn 750,000 awards, and 756,000 awards were earned; the number of training schools was suggested as 12,000 and 12,500 were held; a goal of 7,500 enlargement campaigns was set, and 7,522 campaigns were conducted. Thus, the value of the associational emphasis was evident.

Chester Quarles, who had been in the meeting in which Holcomb threw out the challenge, sought to promote the same emphasis in Mississippi. There is not a better system of associational missions in the world than that promoted by Mississippi Baptists. It is second to none, in the areas covered. At the present, every association has someone serving either as foster missionary or regular missionary, unless they are in a transition period in calling a new director of missions. It is our dream that every association be blessed with a full-time or part-time director of missions.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Nazareth, Israel — For the first time in its 70-year history the oldest Baptist church in the Middle East has reached the biblical number of seven deacons. Nazareth Baptist Church has ordained five Arab men, age 25 to 36, to join two 18-year veterans. Two are teachers, two are electricians, and one is a welder.

Louisville, Ky. — The Church Music Institute, an annual affair for Southern Baptist ministers of music and other persons involved in music ministry, will be held Oct. 19-22 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Nashville — Developing a strategy for youth in Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust emphasis will be a priority item at the Youth Ministry Summit Conference March 23-27 at Lake Barkley (Ky.) State Park. Representatives from every Southern Baptist Convention agency and commission with responsibilities related to youth ministry will be present for the five-day meeting.

Colonial Heights to give reception for Don Bennett

A reception and autograph party will honor Donald M. Bennett, minister of music at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, on Sunday, March 15, following the evening worship service.

The reception follows the release of Bennett's new album, "Songs Unto the Lord." Bennett will present a mini-concert featuring selections from the album, during the worship service at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 5708 Old Canton Road.

W. H. Wilkinson pastor emeritus, dies

William H. Wilkinson, 59, of Montgomery, La., died at home Feb. 28 following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held March 1 at the First Baptist Church in Montgomery. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the Braxton Cemetery in Braxton, Miss., with Charles Wesley officiating.

Wilkinson, a McComb native, is survived by his wife, Billye W. Wilkinson of Montgomery; three sons, William H. Wilkinson Jr. of Tucson, Ariz., Jeffrey W. Wilkinson of Franklin, La. and Thomas M. Wilkinson of Alexandria, La.; his mother, Mrs. Augusta H. Wilkinson of Jackson; and a brother.

Wilkinson served as pastor of the Enterprise Baptist Church in Liberty, the Mars Hill Baptist Church in Summit, Miss., and the Baptist Temple Church in Alexandria, La., before becoming pastor of the First Baptist Church in Montgomery. He was pastor emeritus of that church when he died.

Sabah, East Malaysia — International cooperation is helping a church in Malaysia reach people for Christ. A Chinese Baptist church in Sabah, East Malaysia, is using materials from the Baptist Literature Board in Indonesia to reach Malay people. Few Baptist materials are published in Malay, the official language of Malaysia, but it is almost the same as Indonesian, the official language of Indonesia. This type of international cooperation is particularly important now that no foreign missionaries may live in Sabah.

Dakar, Senegal — Fairgoers could find a real bargain at the Baptist mission's booth during the International Fair in Dakar, Senegal. For only a nickel Southern Baptist missionaries offered a packet containing a small gospel, tracts in Wolof (one of Senegal's major languages) and French, an introduction to the missions' Bible correspondence course, and a 1981 calendar telling about the mission's work on the back.

Velbert, Germany (EP) — The German branch of AMG (an international society whose main ministry is evangelistic ads in secular publications) is apparently getting a good response to a series of whole-page evangelistic ads it recently placed in the German "Donald Duck" comics. The ads offered the comic's approximately two million youthful readers a free evangelistic comic. Requests for the comic arrive daily at the AMG's German headquarters in Velbert, reports the mission's German director, Waldemar Murjahn.

Manila, Philippines — The publications center of the Southern Baptist mission in the Philippines has received the popular autobiography "Joni," by Joni Eareckson, in the national language, Tagalog. The book, an autobiography about a young woman's struggle to live with a disability suffered as a result of a swimming accident, is offered in observance of the "International Year of the Disabled." One peso (about \$.13) from the sale of each book will go to the country's national Commission for the Disabled for ministry to approximately four million disabled Filipinos.

Linda Epley to give organ recital at MC

The Mississippi College music department presents an organ recital by Mrs. Linda M. Epley, March 5, at 8 p.m., in Provine Chapel on campus.

Mrs. Epley is assistant professor of music at Louisiana College, Pineville, La. She holds a master of church music degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and is working on a doctorate in musical arts from North Texas State University.

Her performance is part of an exchange recital program. Last fall, Billy Trotter, assistant professor of music at MC, held a recital at Louisiana College.

Ebenezer Church, Stage Road, Senatobia: March 8-13, youth-led revival; Billy Kagle, preaching; David McKeown, leading the singing; Alicia Castillo, Mrs. Brenda Parker, Mrs. Helen White, accompanists; Claude Lazenby, pastor; regular times on Sunday, 7:30 each week night.

Emmanuel (Marion): March 11-15; at 7 p.m.; George Blackman of Union, evangelist; E. C. Tucker, pastor.

Hollandale Church: March 8-11; Emory Wallace, pastor of First Church, DeRidder, La., evangelist; Joe Joslin, minister of music at First Church, DeRidder, La., leading the music; Sunday evening at 7; Mon.-Wed. evenings at 7:30; morning services during week from 7 to 7:30, following coffee and doughnuts time, 6:30 to 7. (Joslin is a Mississippian. He moved from Van Winkle Church, Jackson, to DeRidder.)

MC art exhibit to be March 22 at Mynelle's Gardens

The Mississippi College Senior Art Exhibit will be presented March 22 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Mynelle's Gardens in Jackson. There will be no admission fee.

Laurie Gribas, Laurie Handfield, and Cindy Little are the senior art majors who will be featured in the exhibit.



Mission results in baptisms in Honduras

Mississippi Baptists who made a mission trip to Ocotelo, Honduras Jan. 17-24, were Katie Kemp, Mary Barrier, Sherry Caraway and Mason Caraway, Noxapater; Carter Dobbs, Calhoun City; Joe McGuire, Bruce; Connie Croft, Steens; Jimmy Dobbs, Indianola; Hugh and Jean Martin, Christine Fulton, Philadelphia; Shirley Fulton, Brent Thomas, Jeff Johnson, Steve Glaze, Bob Cook, Bob Megginson, and Gail Gilbert, Jackson. This trip was coordinated to assist Charles and Carolyn Herrington, independent Baptist missionaries in the field. Mason Caraway of Noxapater reports: "The needs there were many, physical as well as spiritual. During the trip the

group treated 1,400 individuals in the medical and dental clinic, with 1,210 teeth extracted. All food, medical supplies and water had to be carried to the area as all native food was contaminated. The only place to take a bath was in the mountain streams."

Worship services were held during the day and a revival at night. Those accepting Christ as their savior were baptized in streams. In the picture above, Hugh Martin, pastor of Spring Creek Baptist Church, Neshoba County, is baptizing a group of new Christians.

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Winston County chooses Utah churches as missions partners

The Executive Committee of Winston County Association has approved southern Utah as the association's area of "primary interest in pioneer missions." During the week of Feb. 9-15, Jerry Stevens, director of missions, was sent to the churches of southern Utah on a fact-finding mission. Dick Ashworth, area missionary in Utah, was his host.

Stevens reports, "My interest was to determine the greatest need of the churches and pastors in that area. I traveled more than 4,000 miles. We drove more than 2,500 miles in order to visit 17 churches. I held 28 interviews on the fields of 17 churches. I found the work there more solid than I had thought. I found the pastors to be Southern Baptist, well grounded in the faith; the laymen had a commitment badly needed in all our churches."

"I found the needs overwhelming. A few of the pastors receive no salary at all from their churches. Many live in mobile homes. The largest church had 129 in attendance the Sunday before our visit; the smallest church had two."

"Almost without exception, the first desire of those interviewed was that we here in Mississippi pray for them. They rejoiced—their faces lighted up, as they said, 'It is so good to know someone back there in the Bible belt cares about us out here!' I know now why the Apostle Paul received such joy in visiting and writing to the churches out there on the cutting edge. I understand better the joy the churches experienced when Paul visited them."

Each of the Winston County churches is being assigned a partner church in southern Utah. Already

Harmony Church has sent a gift of money to First Baptist, Blanding, Utah, and First, Louisville, has sent a gift of money to First Baptist, Cedar City, Utah. South Louisville has voted to send its pastor, Onan Gardner, and minister of music, Mike Rogers, to First Church, Blanding, expenses paid, to conduct a week of revival services.

Youth rally will precede Robison Crusade

A youth rally will be held on Saturday, March 7, in connection with the Central Mississippi James Robison Crusade in Jackson. The rally will feature evangelist Jay Strack, a Southern Baptist of Fort Worth, Texas.

The rally will begin at 6 p.m. at Jackson Municipal Auditorium. The Central Mississippi James Robison Crusade begins March 22 and runs through March 27 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. All meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia—Southern Baptist missionary Laurelee Lindholm taught 20 delegates from nine evangelical groups how to write programmed lessons for Theological Education by Extension (TEE) in a recent seminar in Bishoftu, Ethiopia.

Springfield ordains Pulaski pastor

Springfield Baptist Church, Morton, ordained James Robert (Bob) Smith to the ministry on Feb. 1, at the request of Pulaski Baptist Church to which he has been called as pastor.

Scripture was read by Larry Duncan, pastor of East Morton Church, and C. B. Bryant, pastor, New Good Hope Church, led in prayer. The ordination sermon was delivered by James E. Watts, pastor of Springfield Church.

The church to the candidate was given by Ron Mercer, pastor of Causeville Church, and Holmes Carlisle, director of missions Scott Association, led the ordination prayer.

The charge to the church was given by Curtis Roland, pastor of Lorena Church. Truman Manning presented Bob with a Bible from Springfield Church.

On January 11, Smith began serving Pulaski Church where he and his wife Sharon were welcomed with a pound- ing.

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Mrs. M. E. (Bertha) Middleton has joined about 25 others of the Crowder Church in having read the Bible through in 1980. The unusual thing about Mrs. Middleton's having read it is that she did it with a magnifying glass. She was 89 on Jan. 5. Mrs. Lilla Lane, a resident of Cleveland Convalescent

Center, read the Bible through last year at the age of 96. Lisa Austin was the youngest to read it through. She was 11 in January. Truman D. Scarborough is pastor.

Ollen G. Brown will be ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at Robison Church, Rankin County. The pastor, Mike Pennock, will preach the ordination sermon. Brown was licensed April 2, 1961 at Rock Hill Church, Rankin County, when J. H. Sherman was pastor. He is involved in the outreach ministry of Robison Church.

Big Level Church, Gulf Coast, ordained Tim Webb to the gospel ministry on Sunday, Feb. 15.

First Church, Long Beach, ordained Michael Hutchinson to the gospel ministry on Sunday, Jan. 25. Hutchinson is pastor of a mission in Pass Christian.

Birmingham, Ala. (BP)—Ethel McIndoo of Nashville, Tenn., has been named nationwide consultant for Mission Friends and Girls in Action for Women's Missionary Union effective in March. Mission Friends is the Southern Baptist missions organization for preschoolers and Girls in Action is for girls in grades 1 through 6.

Joey Julian Brent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Brent, was ordained to the gospel ministry Feb. 15 at Adaton

Church, where he has served as youth director. A senior at Mississippi State University, he is married to Kathy Jennings of Brandon. He plans to attend Southwestern Seminary.

Scripture reading and presentation of the Bible in the ordination service were done by Rodney Rowlen. Special music was by William Stephens. The charge to the church was by Rocky Holston; the charge to the candidate was by Bill Garrett. LeRoy Howell led in the ordination prayer. There was a reception for Brent after the service.



Mississippi was well represented at the 1981 Lake Yale (Fla.) Recreation Lab. Eighteen of the 27 participants are pictured. Rec Lab is six laboratory experiences in the area of Christian Recreation. The Church Recreation Department of Baptist Sunday School Board annually provides two Rec Labs in January at Lake Yale, and at Glorieta, New Mexico. Participants of Rec Lab (L. to R. front row): John Rainey, Gene Jordan, Tom Prather, Steve Stricklen, Robin Nichols, (2nd row) Gary Baxter, Don Hintz, Linda Smith, Janet Evans, Michelle Rainey, D. D. Elzey, Christa Hutcherson, (3rd row) Glen Shows, Joe May, Dennis Smith, Charles Nikolic, Tommy Anthony and Don Morrison.

Bobby Walker, who formerly was pastor in Mississippi and Texas, is now pastor of Five Points Baptist Church, Wilson, N.C. He received a Doctor of Ministries degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., in December, 1980, graduation exercises. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. Higdon Walker of Jackson, members of the Parkway Church. Walker attended Province High School and Mississippi State University. He grew up in the Parkway Church, Jackson.

Ed Gullick of Belzoni is available for pastoral duties. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1976 and has been supplying since that time. He is married and has an eight-year-old daughter. Gullick has served pastorates in Oklahoma, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Alabama. He may be contacted at 247-2976 week nights and weekends at 247-1602 week days. He lives at 603 Central St., Belzoni 39038.

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THE VILLAGE VIEW

FROM Baptist Children's Village P. O. Box 11308 Jackson, MS 39213

"Dress A Child At Easter"

Many years ago, choice friends of the Village among the ladies at First Baptist Church in Leland, Mississippi, joined by some other individuals and groups across the state helped us structure and organize a formal, Spring appeal for financial assistance in clothing our children appropriately for church attendance. The interest of individual Baptists and friends of children who live at the Village quickly centered in this personalized project to the end that the campaign, which we commenced to call "Dress A Child At Easter" back in 1961 became one of the most important Village appeals of the year. In 1981, as in many years past, we are dependent upon response to this campaign, not only for the clothing and shoe needs of children under care, for church attendance purposes, during the Spring and Summer; we now rely on the Easter campaign for the bulk of ALL of our clothing and shoe expense for ALL boys and girls and young people who become the custodial responsibility of the Village at various times of ALL the year.

Long ago, the Village, and most of its friends determined that the easiest, most practical and most efficient participation in this campaign is to be realized through cash gifts to the "Dress A Child At Easter" Fund with the understanding that these gifts may be used for the clothing and shoe needs of any Village child at any time of year, but will be used for no other purpose. In this manner, we more nearly insure that every Village child and young person, of whatever age, personality or condition will be helped in

his clothing needs, even if he comes to live at the Village somewhat later than Easter Sunday. Obviously, Easter was a basis for reasons of convenience. We seek to commercialize a Christian observance, nor do we suggest that Sundays, other than Easter are not also holy and meaningful to Christians. Our sole object — our real object — is to encourage our friends to help us with the increasingly expensive assignment of adequately dressing our children.

Although, as indicated, the cash gift to the Easter Fund is preferred and most practical; we recognize the desire of some of our friends to be more personal in their giving. Therefore, those desiring to have the name, age and other statistical information of a child or children whom they will sponsor at Easter can accomplish their purposes by contacting the Village's Social Service Department in Jackson at P. O. Box 11308, Jackson, 39213 or at telephone No. 922-2242. Cash gifts may be sent for named and designated children and our staff will shop for the donor, or, if the donor, insists, names and statistical information on children to be sponsored at Easter will be forwarded by mail in order that the donor may sew or shop in his or her home area.

This year, Easter is Sunday, April 19. Because we are responsible for many children at four different locations, we must complete our plans early.

Mr. and Mrs. Individual Baptist, won't you help us this year?

"Children — Our Special Trust"

On Tuesday, April 28, 1981, in Powell Chapel and Hester Activities Building on the India Nunnery Campus of the Village, the third, annual "Children — Our Special Trust" program will be presented. By this special emphasis and focus upon group, residential child care from the Christian perspective, our staff seeks to better inform friends and supporters of the Village and its children concerning our mission ministry, the needs of children who come to our custodial care, and most importantly, the nature and detail of our ministry's program. We want Vil-

lage friends to know what we are doing, why we are doing it, and the good we think it accomplishes. Therefore, during this special day, once each year, under the leadership of our Christian Education Director, we offer everyone an opportunity to hear a report on our stewardship, become better informed about our brand of child care, its needs, purposes and results, and be inspired, in the process. We trust many individuals, as well as W.M.U., Brotherhood, Sunday School, Church Training and other church auxiliaries will come to Jackson on

With The Children

We are justly proud of Willie and Fred Martin, twin brothers, and longtime residents of our Group Home in New Albany. Willie and Fred, along with their twin sisters, Charlotte and Charlene, are Seniors at New Albany's High School this year. This unusual state of affairs has previously been brought to the attention of Village friends in these paragraphs. Now, we are pleased to report that Willie and Fred, both of whom were stand-out football athletes, each have been offered a football scholarship to Northeast Junior College in Booneville. We congratulate these two fine young men!

Some of the young people on our Farrow Manor Campus look forward to plans already made for them for the Spring, which include both entertainment and inspiration. Trips to Camp Cordova with groups from Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Independence; outings with friends from First Methodist Church of Hernando; and numbers of special field trips arranged through the Tate County Schools of their attendance are included in the activities which youngsters on our "country-life campus" will enjoy before the close of the current public school session.

The Baptist Children's Village undertakes to inform, and even train, its staff, even as staff members actively serve our children in group, residential care. We have always believed that in-service training was especially helpful to and important for our houseparent staff — those men and women who actually live in the cottages with our children as surrogate parents and thus have the first and most critical responsibility for the children's welfare.

The Village believes that it is fortunate to have on its staff trained and experienced professionals with personalities and temperaments well suited

to deliver on-the-job training to our houseparent staff attractively and effectively. Mrs. Peggy S. Taylor, a 15-year veteran of Village service, in addition to her considerable professional and clinical experience in related child care fields has recently returned to Jackson and the Village staff in the capacity of Social Service Coordinator. A significant portion of Mrs. Taylor's time and an important part of her assignment is in the area of houseparent training. Houseparents currently assigned to training meet with Mrs. Taylor weekly. In addition, the entire staff on the India Nunnery Campus in Jackson, through the courtesy of Calvary Baptist Church of Jackson, one of our host churches, is currently participating in the James Dobson series, "Focus on the Family."

"Spring Break" is an important time in the life of most young people enrolled in the public schools, and Village youngsters are no exception. Fishing trips, skating parties and over-night treats tend to fill our activities calendars at every Village location, and we are grateful. We believe these refreshing opportunities mean more to our young people than just entertainment, as many of them face the last few weeks of the public school session, somewhat tired of the academic routine, but at a time when they need to make a new start in order to attain passing grades in school.

Chief among features to be enjoyed by residents of the India Nunnery Campus in Jackson are a March 10 puppet presentation in Powell Chapel by visitors from the 28th Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, and a March 6 "Spring Break-In" for teenagers. During the latter, the film "Solo" will be exhibited, there will be a session on goal-setting and a concert by a visiting, contemporary music group of college young people from Highland Baptist Church in Bogalusa, Louisiana. The group is on tour and is under the direction of Bobby Ready.

Presenting Our Staff



McNeely Auzie McNeely, left, Housefather in Dean Cottage, Farrow Manor Campus with 10 years of Village Service.

Jo Ann Neal, right, General Secretary and Supply with 2 years of Village service.

"Special Projects"

From time to time across the years, church auxiliaries, service clubs and other community organizations have, on occasion, expressed interest to our staff in helping the Village accomplish a needed aim through some medium other than a cash contribution. In recent weeks and months, it would appear that this type interest has been rekindled and redoubled, particularly among Baptist men's groups who seek mission projects, among W.M.U. groups and children's auxiliaries, for the same reasons. The needs of the Village and its children are great, particularly during these recent years of inflated prices when so many services, and some goods and products have become priced beyond our means. Therefore, we would be neither honest, nor faithful to our assignment if we did not tell all of our friends that the need for operating money remains our greatest need. We are a purely voluntary, private agency with no source of income other than contributions of Baptist churches and individuals. However, if we can receive some qualified, organized, structured help from groups of Baptist friends with projects such as building repair, grounds maintenance, furnishing of small appliances, curtains and drapes and similar depreciable items which are so necessary to cottage life; then, the limited funds which we can make available for such purposes can be released and utilized in some other area, so necessary and so personal to our children. Therefore, as always, we do welcome help with these "special projects," and we have undertaken to provide a contact system through which interest in the projects might be expressed and by which that interest might be implemented into action.

Mrs. Ruth Glaze, the Village's Christian Education Director may be contacted in Jackson at the Village's Jackson address, which is P. O. Box 11308, Jackson, 39213 or by telephone at 922-2242. She has available and can identify various projects at our several locations which we must undertake, and with which we could use help. These projects range in size from very small to very costly, and Mrs. Glaze would be pleased to cooperate with any Baptist group in making orderly assignments toward the accomplishment of these ends. She is already at work, through the cooperation of the Brotherhood office of the State Convention with several Baptist men's groups, whose example in "adopting" the Village and some of its needs will be followed, we trust, by others.



McGraw and Glaze Henry Glaze congratulates Karl McGraw on his 20th anniversary.

An Anniversary

On February 10, the Village staff surprised our friend and associate, Mr. Karl K. McGraw with a luncheon in Jackson, commemorating his 20th year of service to our Baptist child care agency. At the luncheon, attended by many of our staff members, Mr. McGraw was presented with a letter of commendation from our Board of Trustees; an engraved wrist watch as a gift from his fellow staff members; a plaque; household gifts for himself and Mrs. McGraw, and a number of humorous mementos.

According to Village records, Mr. McGraw commenced his duties with us on February 9, 1961, although Karl insists that he "came on board" on February 1, 1961. Presently serving as an Administrative Assistant, responsible for all Village properties, real and personal, at all Village locations, Mr. McGraw has, during the past 20 years, filled virtually every conceivable child care responsibility for us. In his comments of recognition and commendation, Executive Director Nunnery reminded the luncheon that Mr. McGraw, together with his wife, Nancy, first served as houseparents for 17 teen-aged boys at the Village's old Jackson location on Woodrow Wilson Drive, the present site of the Jackson Mall. Mr. Nunnery recounted that Mr. McGraw has served as spiritual counselor, (he is a licensed and ordained Baptist minister, with experience in the pastorate); the producer and director of two different child care motion pictures filmed at the Village, and the producer of its consecutive annual performances of "Christmas Sparkles at the Village"; the conductor of hundreds of choir and choral ensemble trips for Village groups in and out of the state; and one of the best known representatives of Village life in pulpits across Mississippi. In 1977, children's staff dedicated "The Village", our annual, yearbook publication to Karl. The dedication statement included the following: "there is no area of our life — no corner of our institution — which has not been touched by the matchless skill which is the grace of his gentle life."

